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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY REGARDING SUSPENSION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

On August 25, 2003 the Patent Office issued a Communication, which indicated that claims of the present application were allowable. But, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution was suspended. This communication (paper no. 32) did not indicate the length of the period of suspension. On February 24, 2004, Applicants filed a paper entitled Status Regarding Suspension. No response was received with respect to this paper.

As the one year anniversary of the suspension approaches, Applicants again respectfully request to be advised whether *ex parte* prosecution is to remain suspended, whether an interference is to be declared, or whether the application is to pass to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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